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RE: Recommended Fee Schedule Revisions for Frisco Fire Department

Background

Area Fire Departments were polled and fee schedule data was collected as it relates to HAZMAT and Fire Marshal Office services. The accompanying DRAFT Ordinances detail the recommended fee schedules which we have attempted to keep comparable with neighboring communities.

Fire Marshal's Office

We recommend altering our automatic sprinkler permit fees to be based off of square footage as opposed to the existing three tier cost+plus method, as this will allow the Fire Marshal's Office to more thoroughly recoup the costs associated with large scale projects in excess of 300,000 square feet. Likewise, we recommend including a provision for charging fees "per device" on automatic fire alarm systems in occupancies containing more than 400 devices for reasons as stated above. Recommendation for increased re-inspection and "red tag" fees with escalating fee structure are also requested for repeated failures to comply with code.

Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Response

The Frisco Fire Department has recently developed a highly specialized Hazardous Materials Team which is supported by a number of specialized apparatus and state of the art equipment. At this time we recommend adopting a HAZMAT response fee structure based in large part on an existing HAZMAT fee schedule utilized by Dallas Fire/Rescue. DFR has a well established HAZMAT team along with an extensive history of billing for HAZMAT incidents of many sizes. Frisco Fire Department currently has HAZMAT incident cost recovery fees in place, however, they do not fully cover the scope of services we are now capable of providing.

Legal

The accompanying ordinances have been reviewed and found legally acceptable as to form by Rebecca Brewer of the City Attorney's Office.